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FamilySearch.org Part I: *Beginner*





Today we are going to take a trip around FamilySearch.org—one of the most heavily-used **FREE** genealogy sites on the Internet. The class will cover searching for records, how to find resources in the card catalog and using wikis to help focus your research.

TIP: If you get lost on our website tour, clicking the FamilySearch logo will always take you back to the FamilySearch.org homepage.



FamilySearch—A World Leader

FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services each year to learn more about their family history. FamilySearch provides:

			
Free	4+ Billion	4,745	24/7
A service to all at no cost	Names from all over the world	FamilySearch Centers worldwide	Free expert phone support

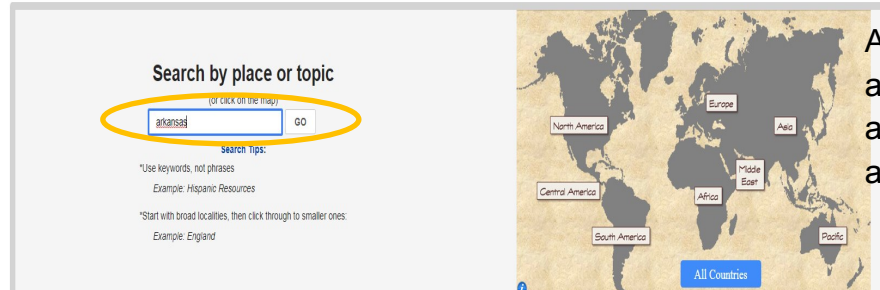
Note: Although the Catalog on FamilySearch shows you the microform collection available at the Salt Lake City Family History Library, currently it can only be viewed in Salt Lake.

Searching with Wikis

Ancestor: Lilley B. Cattron born 13 April 1879 in Scott Co., Virginia married Virgil A. Rogers in Washington Co., Arkansas on 10 September 1899.

FamilySearch Research Wiki

A free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world.
Current number of Wiki articles: **87,834**



Search by place or topic
(or click on the map)

Search tips:

- *Use keywords, not phrases
Example: Hispanic Resources
- *Start with broad localities, then click through to smaller ones
Example: England

Wikis are an efficient method for learning what resources are online for a **specific location** or a **general topic**. Click the map or enter a keyword to begin your wiki search.

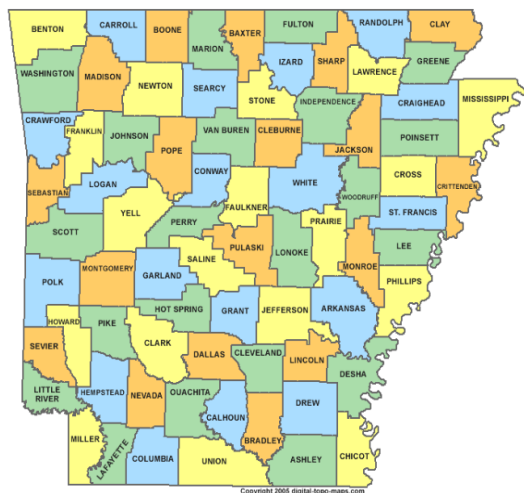
Any blue text on the results page are links to digitized sources. The arrow icon indicates the records are located on external website.

Using Wikis

In addition to links to resources, FamilySearch wikis provide valuable information about the history of records related to a place or topic. For example, on the Arkansas wiki you can learn that statewide registrations of birth began in 1914.

Arkansas Clickable Map [\[edit | edit source\]](#)

Many genealogy records are kept on the county level in the United States. Click on a county below to go to the cc



Arkansas Wiki Topics



Beginning Research

- Research Strategies
- Record Finder

Record Types

- Adoption
- Bible Records
- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church Records
- Correctional Institutions
- Court Records
- Directories
- Divorce
- Emigration & Immigration
- Genealogies
- Guardianship
- Land & Property
- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Occupations
- Online Records
- Periodicals
- Probate Records
- Taxation
- Vital Records
- Websites

Arkansas Background

- Biography
- Maps
- Migration

Ethnicity

- African Americans
- American Indians
- Swedish American

Local Research Resources

- Archives and Libraries
- Societies
- Family History Centers

For international research, wikis are invaluable! Check out some of the research tools on the German Genealogy wiki!

Research Tools


- [German Word List](#)
- [Latin Word List](#)
- [Handwriting Guide](#)
- [German Handwriting Tutorial](#)

TIP: Find online records or get help from the community using the Related Resources heading within geographic location wikis!

Schleswig Online
Genealogy Records

Ask the
Community

Searching for Records



Family Tree Search Memories Indexing


Make Discoveries

Search for your ancestors in millions of historical records. You can also search in the catalog, books, genealogies, and the Wiki.

Search historical records

Records
Family Tree
Genealogies
Catalog
Books
Research Wiki

Click on the **Search** tab for a **drop down menu** of search options. Choose **Records**. To find records related to an ancestor, add basic information like name, birth place, and dates. Click **Search**.



Family Tree Search Memories Indexing Temple

Records Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

Search Historical Records

Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names Last Names

Lillie B. Ketron

Search with a life event:

Birth Marriage Residence Death Any

Birthplace Birth Year (Range)

virginia 1875 1880

Search with a relationship:

Spouse Parents Other Person

Restrict records by:

Location Type Batch Number Film Number

Country

Refine your search

Match all terms exactly Search Reset

Research By Location

Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.

Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.

Collection Title

Records Collections

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 40 results for Name: **Lillie B. Ketron**, Event: **Birth**, Place: **virginia**, Event Range: **1875-18**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Name	Events
Lillie B Ketron	birth: 1879 residence: Fayette Arkans marriage: 10 September 1899, Wash States other: marriage license: 9 September 1899, Wash
Lillie Ketron	birth: 1876 Virginia, United States residence: 1880 Lebanon, Russell, Virgi
Lillian V Ketron Albert	birth: 8 February 1876 Virginia, United

The following results don't strongly match what you searched for, but may be of interest.

Lillie Ketron United States
Lillian Ketron Find A Grave
Marvin B Ketron United States 1917-1918
L Mck Ketron Head United States

Search Strategies

◆ Less can be more!

Entering fewer facts in the search wells will bring up more results, as will leaving the "Match all terms exactly" box unchecked.

◆ Win with Wild Cards!

An asterisk (*) replaces multiple characters, a question mark (?) stands in for a single character. To use a wildcard, you must use at least 3 letters of the name.

◆ Fudge the facts!

Experiment with leaving search wells empty, try different spellings and expand date ranges.

Wildcard Examples:

?ettron, Ke*on,
C*ron, ?et?on
*ron

Based on results, you can make adjustments to your search strategy using the **Refine Your Search** menu.

Understanding Search Results

FamilySearch

Family Tree Search Memories Indexing

Messages Volunteer Help

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Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Lillie B.

Last Names

Ketron

Search with a life event:

Birthplace




Virginia

Search Results from Historical Records

1-20 of 40 results for Name: **Lillie B. Ketron**, Event: **Birth**, Place: **Virginia**, Event Range: **1875-1880**, Event: **Marriage**, Place: **Arkansas**, Event Range: **1895-1900**

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Export Results 1-20

Name	Events	Relationships	View
Lillie B Ketron Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957	birth: 1879 residence: Fayetteville, Washington, Arkansas marriage: 10 September 1899, Washington, Arkansas, United States	spouse: Virgil A Rogers	  


The search results page offers several options for reviewing your records:

- Adjust the **number of results** displayed
- Already **attached to tree**
- View **details** about the record
- See the **actual record**
- Filter results by **collection** (see below)

TIP: Differences in the camera icon denote whether the image of the record is available at a Family History Center, through FamilySearch.org or through a partner website.

 Image is available only at a Family History Center

 Image is available in FamilySearch

 Image is available on another website

Sorting by Collection

Click the **Collections** tab to organize your results by record type. Only the first five collections within each record type display by default. Click **show all** to reveal all results.

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Refine your search

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Last Names

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Search with a life event:

Birthplace

Virginia

Birth Year (Range)

1875 1880

Marriage Place

Arkansas

Marriage Year (Range)

1895 1900

Residence

Death

Any

Search with a relationship:

Spouse

Parents

Other Person

You may select up to 25 collections. Selected so far: 0

Filter These Results

Birth, Marriage, & Death Showing Top 5 Show All 10

Title

- ☐ Ohio Death Index, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2007
- ☐ Virginia Births and Christenings, 1584-1917
- ☐ Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940
- ☐ California Death Index, 1940-1997
- ☐ United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014

Census & Lists Showing All 3

Title

- ☐ New York State Census, 1892
- ☐ United States Census, 1880
- ☐ United States Census, 1940

Migration & Naturalization Showing All 1

Title

- ☐ United States Border Crossings from Canada to United States, 18

Military Showing All 1

Title

- ☐ United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Refine your search

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Lillie B.

Last Names

Ketron

Search with a life event:

Birthplace

Virginia

Birth Year (Range)

1875 1880

Marriage Place

Arkansas

Marriage Year (Range)

1895 1900

You may select up to 25 collections. Selected so far: 3

Filter These Results

Birth, Marriage, & Death Showing All 10 - Show Top 5 3 selected

Title

- ☐ Ohio Death Index, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2007
- ☒ Virginia Births and Christenings, 1584-1917
- ☐ Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940
- ☐ California Death Index, 1940-1997
- ☐ United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014
- ☒ Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957
- ☒ Find A Grave Index
- ☐ New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949
- ☐ North Carolina Deaths, 1931-1994
- ☐ Tennessee Deaths, 1914-1966

Census & Lists Showing All 3

Title

To narrow results, **select** only those collections relevant to your ancestor. Look at date coverage and locations to help you make decisions. Then click the **filter these results** button.

TIP: Be flexible! Remember ancestors sometimes traveled to nearby states to get married, women's lives before marriage were documented by maiden names, and family stories are sometimes just stories!

Searching by location

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Birthplace Birth Year (Range)

From To

Another way to narrow your results is to start a search by location. Using the **Search** menu, choose **Records**. On the world map, select a country and/or state.

Arkansas

Welcome to our Arkansas research page. We've brought together tools to help you with your research in Arkansas.

Learning Courses

We have 9 learning courses to help you do your family history research in Arkansas

Arkansas United States Research: Gulf South Region - Arkansas 3:18

United States Research: Gulf South Region Church Records 3:14

See all Arkansas courses in Learning Center

Indexed Historical Records

Search collections of records for documents about your ancestors. You can filter which collections you would like to search within.

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names Last Names

Search with a life event

Birth Marriage Residence Death Any

Birthplace Birth Year (Range)

From To

Search with a relationship:

Spouse Parents Other Person

Restrict records by:

Location Type Batch Number Film Number

FamilySearch Wiki

View Wiki for Arkansas

The **Learning Center** provides online instructional videos to help researchers like you learn about what records are available, as well as the historical context of the area.

From this location screen, any terms entered will only be searched in Arkansas **Indexed** Historical Records.

Filter by collection: Showing Top 5 - [Show All 87](#)

Title	Records	Last Updated
<input type="checkbox"/> United States Freedmen's Bureau Miscellaneous Records, 1865-1872	5,204	Feb 13, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Births and Christenings, 1812-1965	10,633	Nov 21, 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	532,541	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	158,093	Apr 20, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Confederate Soldier Home, 1890-1963	1,448	Jun 27, 2018

[Show all 87 Collections](#)

Remember to scroll down to see other collections that have not been indexed. These **Image Only** collections can not be searched by keyword but they can be browsed just like browsing through a book or microfilm.

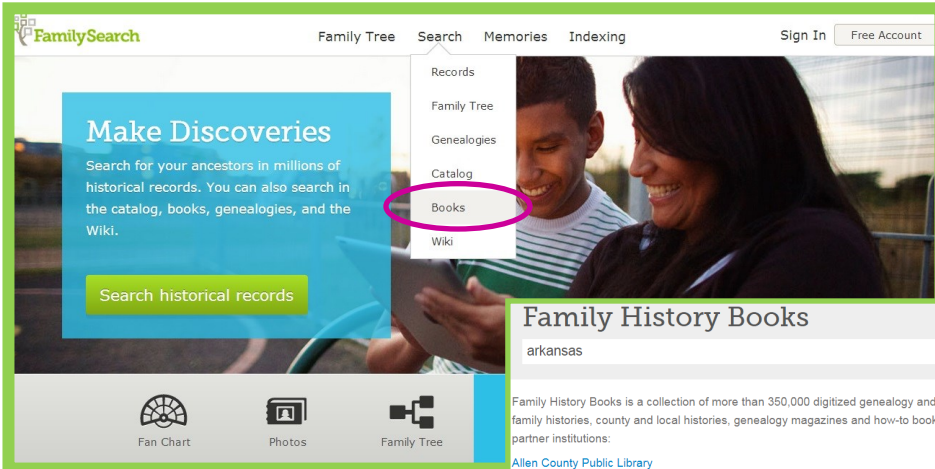
Image-Only Historical Records



Can't find records for your ancestors when you search? Try our collections that haven't been indexed yet. Select a collection to start browsing the images.

Birth, Marriage, and Death: Showing All	Images	Last Updated
United States Deceased Physician File (AMA), 1864-1968	707,724	Sep 13, 2012
Census and Lists: Showing All	Images	Last Updated
United States Enumeration District Maps for the Twelfth through the Sixteenth US Censuses, 1900-1940	63,619	Jun 20, 2014

Searching for books



To search the collection of digital books on FamilySearch, hover over the **SEARCH** tab on the homepage and select **BOOKS** in the dropdown menu.

You can limit your results by using the **Advanced Search** feature, or by limiting by material type, language, collection or

Family History Books

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Search

Advanced Search

Family History Books is a collection of more than 350,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries, family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books are:

Allen County Public Library
American Fork Library
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
Birmingham Public Library
Brigham Young University, Harold B. Lee Library
Brigham Young University, Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
Brigham Young University, Idaho David O. McKay Library
Church History Library
Family History Library
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

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Search

Advanced Search

Material Type

Other (27,034)
Books (10,571)
Serials (10,231)

Collection

Family History Library (42,112)
Allen County Public Library (2,931)
Family History Archive - Internet Archive (1,366)
University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries (821)
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center (742)
Show 12 more

Language

English (47,519)
Undetermined (87)
French (79)
German (51)
Swedish (42)
Show 11 more

Results 1 - 10 of 47,836 for All records

Sorted by: Relevance



The Arkansas

Davis, Clyde Brion



Other

Details



Arkansas death record index

Allen, Desmond Walls, 1950-; Arkansas; State Department of Health



Book

Details



Arkansas pioneers

Arkansas Pioneer Association of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Digital images of original published: [Hot Springs, Arkansas; s.n., 1948?]; 37 p. : ill., ports.



Other

Details



Boone County hist. v.02; Boone County historian (Arkansas)

Boone County Historical and Genealogical Society (Harrison, Arkansas); Boone County Historical & Railroad Society (Boone County, Arkansas)



Other

Details

TIP: Some materials are only viewable online if you are at a Family History Center or partner library.

These titles are denoted by a red circle with a slash through it.



The closest Family History Center is at: 1310 Foothill Drive Vista, CA 92084 (Ph: 1-760-945-6053 or Email: CA_Vista@ldsmail.net)

Men of Hawaii : being a biographical reference library, complete and authentic, ...

Click on the book title you want to see and then simply scroll down to read through it. You can also copy a link to the book by clicking on the share icon



on the upper right side of the screen.



You can download, save or print the **entire** book, or you can limit printed pages using the icons below. Hover over the area to bring up the icons.

The magnifying glass icons adjust text size.



TIP: Depending on your browser, you may be able to keyword search within the book. If you are unable to keyword search, simply download the title and open in Adobe Reader.

Advanced Searching Techniques

TIP: Search for the whole family! If you're having trouble finding "your" person, following family members, such as siblings, will often reveal important clues for your research.

1. In the **Search Historical Records** fields, try searching with only a surname plus parents to find additional children you may not have documented in your research or the marriages of several children.

2. Let one record lead you to another! When you identify a set of records (a film) that is relevant to your family, you can **open the film** to search or browse it further to find more family members. In the example below, the marriages for all of a couple's children were found on a single film.

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Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

From

To

Search with a relationship:

Spouse | Parents | Other Person

Father's First Names

Father's Last Names

Mother's First Names

Mother's Last Names

[Review Attachments](#) [View in Family Tree](#)



No image available

Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934

Reference ID

GS Film Number

Digital Folder Number

Image Number

Hughes	Name	Events	Relationships	View
Search with a life event: Birth Marriage Residence Death Any	John Sherman Hughes Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934	birth: 1872 marriage: 17 September 1923 Woodbury, Iowa, United States	father: Hugh Richard Hughes mother: Helen Colwell spouse: Ida Matilda Peterson other: Peter W Peterson, Louise Marie Nelson	View
Search with a relationship: Spouse	Clara Blanche Hughes Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992	birth: 1879 marriage: 16 March 1904 Woodbine, Iowa Lemars, Iowa	father: Hugh R. Hughes mother: Ellen Caldwell spouse: Christie Henrikson other: Henry Henrikson, Sena Christianson	View
Father's First Names <input type="text" value="hugh richard"/>	Martha Alice Hughes Iowa Marriages, 1809-1992	birth: 1876 marriage: 25 March 1903 Illinois Lemars, Iowa	father: Hugh R. Hughes mother: Ellen Caldwell spouse: William Harrison Casler other: Orlando Casler, Anna Forbell	View
Father's Last Names <input type="text" value="hughes"/>	Martha Alice Hughes Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934	birth: 1876 marriage: 25 March 1903 Illinois Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa, United States	father: Hugh R. Hughes mother: Ellen Caldwell spouse: William Harrison Casler other: Orlando Casler, Anna Forbell	View
Mother's First Names <input type="text" value="ellen"/>	Clara Blanche Hughes Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934	birth: 1879 marriage: 16 March 1904 Woodbine, Iowa Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa, United States	father: Hugh R. Hughes mother: Ellen Caldwell spouse: Christie Henrikson	View
Mother's Last Names <input type="text" value="caldwell"/>				
Other Person				
Restrict records by: Location Type Batch Number				

TIP: Check out the following resources to get the most out of FamilySearch.org:

[Blog](#) [Feedback](#) [Solutions Gallery](#) [Site Map](#) [Help Center](#)

- * **Blog**— Read about new features on the website and the act of preserving family history.
- * **Feedback**— Tell FamilySearch what you think! Through Feedback users can submit problems, suggestions or compliments!
- * **Solutions Gallery**— Links to an array of genealogy apps (free and \$\$) to use through your desktop/laptop and on iOS or Android mobile devices.
- * **Site map**— A easy-to-use guide to the layout of FamilySearch that provides a quick way to find different areas on the site.
- * **Help Center**—Keyword searchable and provides step-by-step instructions to operate the functions of the site.